

Tribology of Polymer Matrix Composites (PMCs) Fabricated by Additive Manufacturing (AM)

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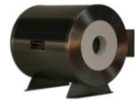
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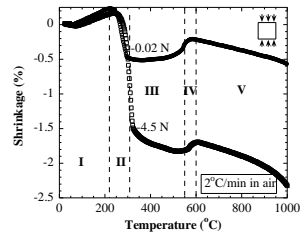
Brief Overview of Collaborative Research

Advanced Materials Processing

Novel Processes

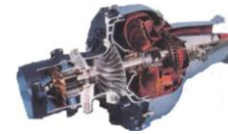


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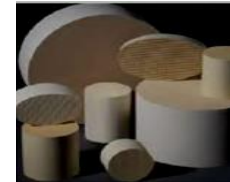


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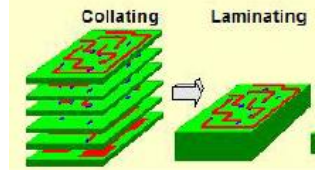
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Biomaterials



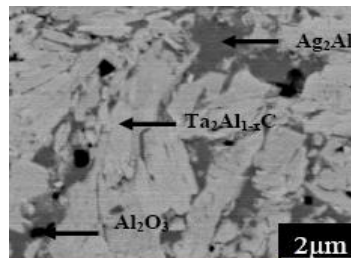
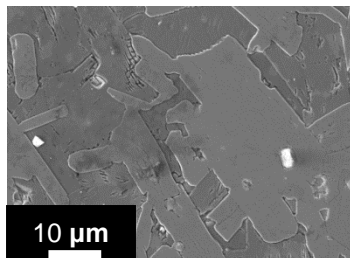
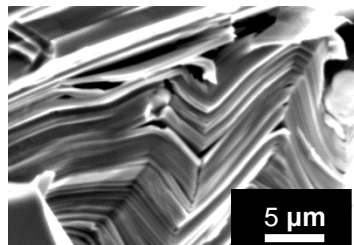
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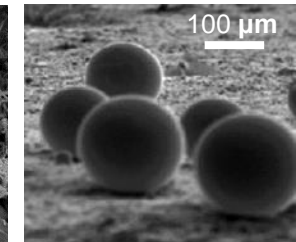
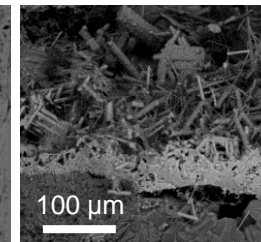
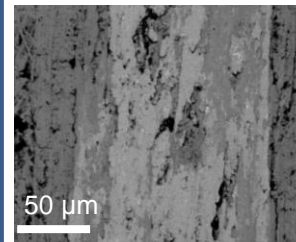


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Fundamental and applied research

Study of Surfaces and Interfaces



Adaptive Coatings

Oxide Whiskers

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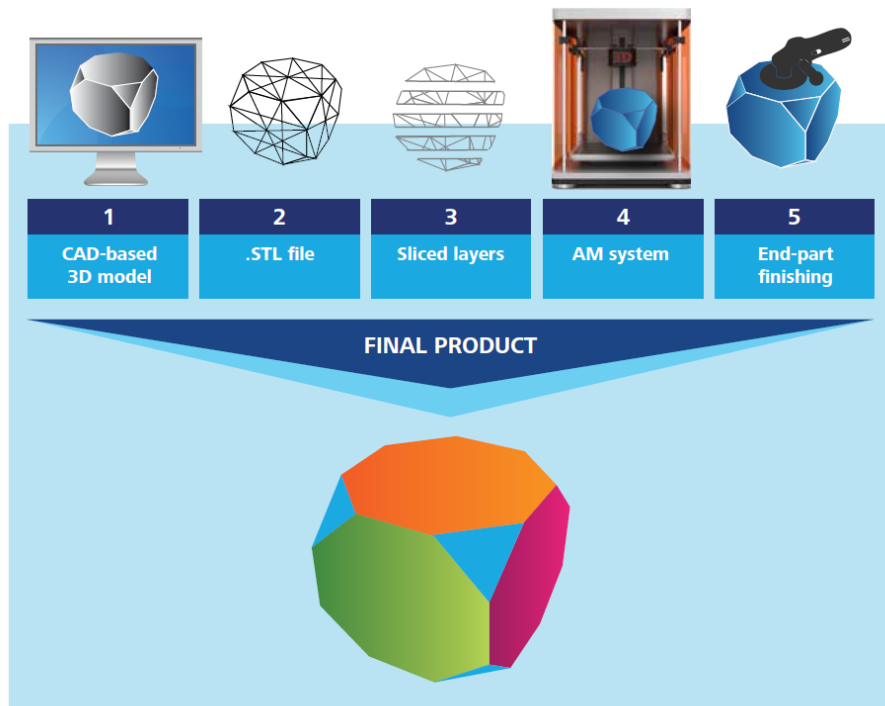




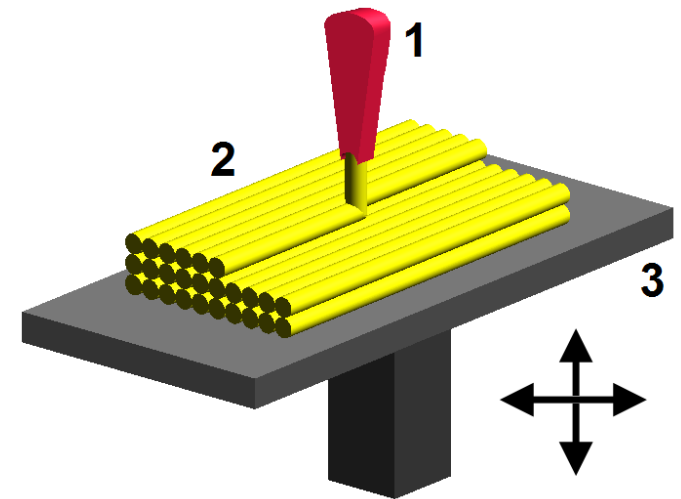
Outline

- Background and Introduction
 - Additive Manufacturing Technologies
- Objectives
- Materials and Procedures
- Results and Discussion
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 - *Printing Parameters*
 - *Reinforcements*
 - *Tribological Behavior*
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- Future Work

Additive Manufacturing/3-D Printing (Schematic)



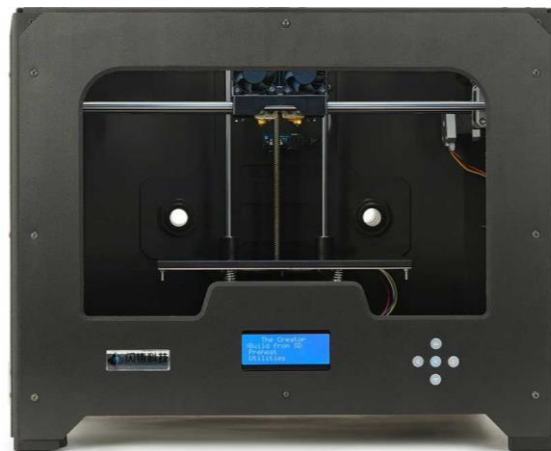
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Successive layers of material are formed under computer control to create an object

3D Printers used for Research

- Afinia H480 3D Printer
- Flashforge Creator Pro 3D Printer
- Form 1+ 3D Printer



Filabot Extruder

- Uses pellets/powders to create filament for FDM 3D printing
- Materials extruded include PLA, MDPE, and HIP



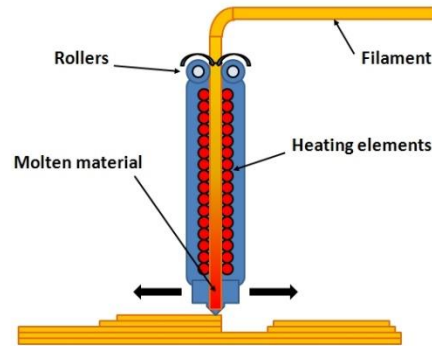
PLA	175	220	250
MDPE	105	115	N/A
HIP	200	230	266



Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) Based Additive Manufacturing/3-D Printing

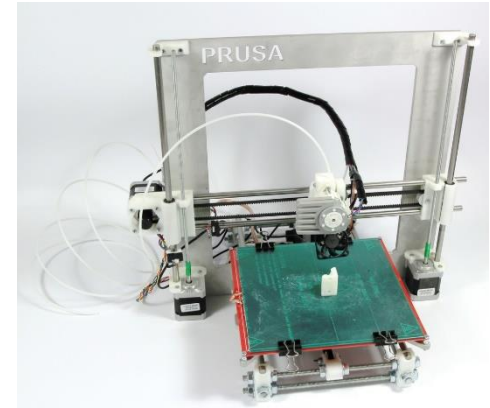


Industrial scale FDM systems (Stratasys)

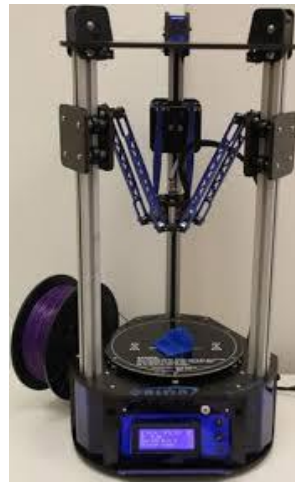


Process Schematic

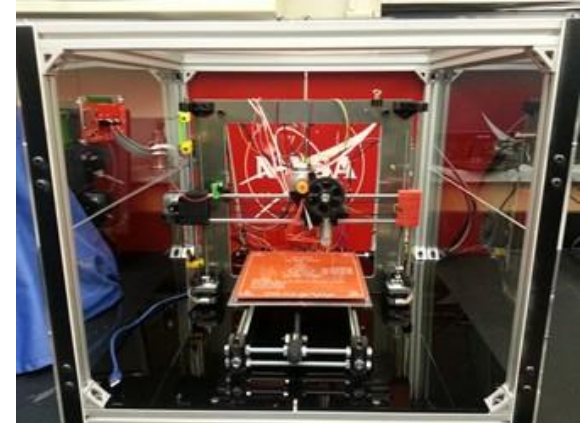
RepRap



MakerBot Replicator 2X



Orion Delta 3D Printer



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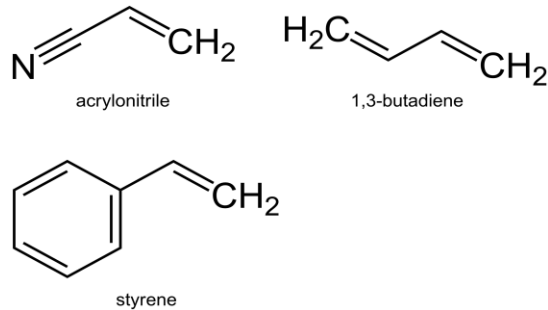


Objective

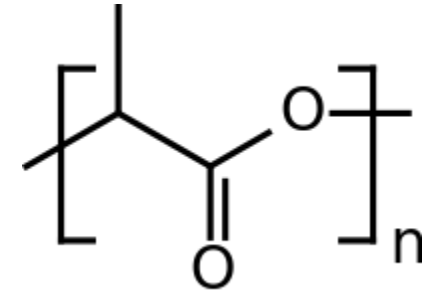
To Compare the tribological properties of composite ABS and PLA materials to the pure ABS and PLA:

- Microstructure-Properties-Performance
- Tribological Performance
- Wear Rates
- Friction Coefficients
- Effect of Print Layer Heights

ABS and PLA



ABS (Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene)



Poly(lactic acid) (PLA)

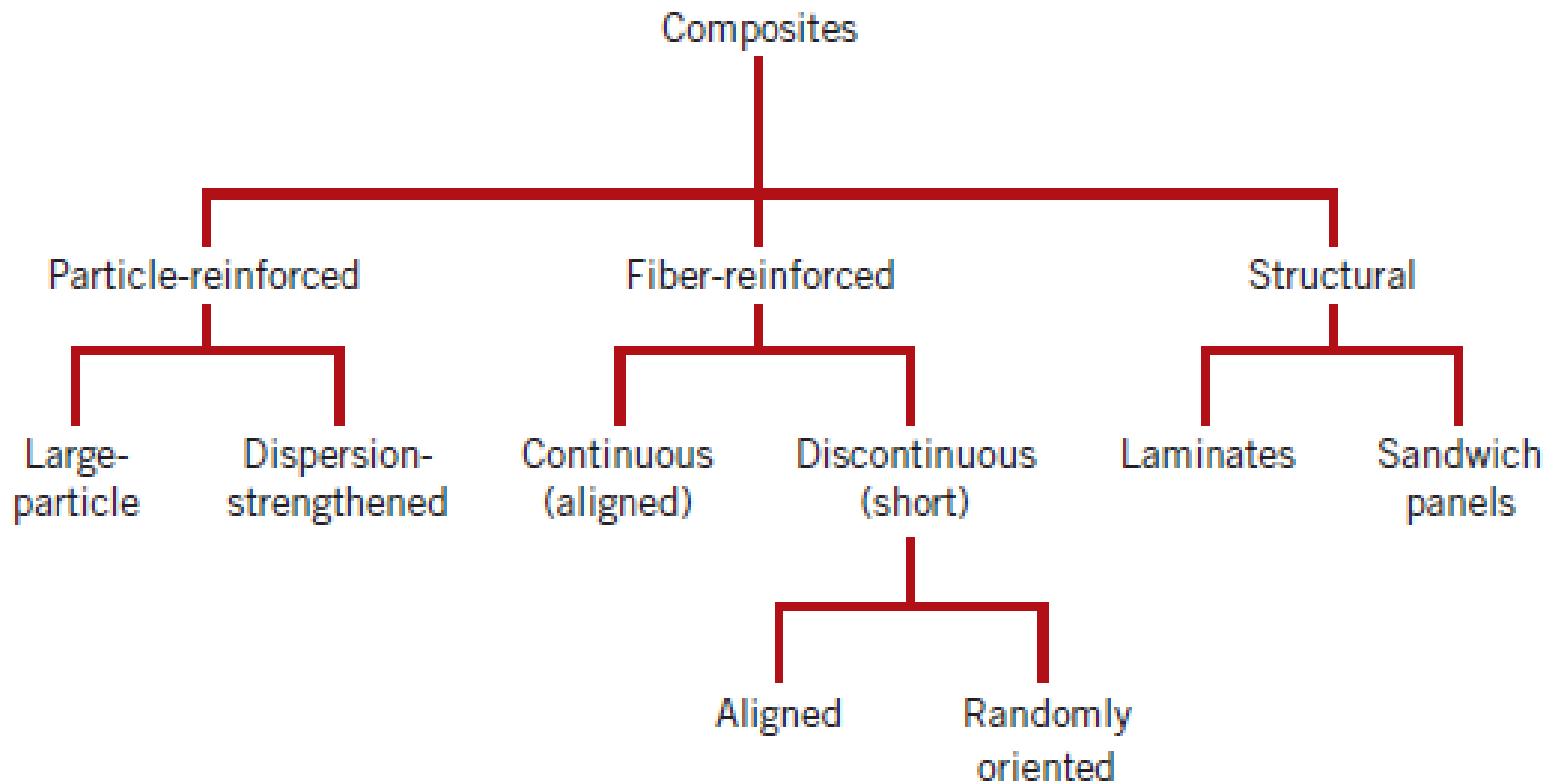
- PLA Benefits:
 - Environmentally friendly
 - Does not release toxic fumes/safe for people
- ABS Benefits
 - Have impact resistance and toughness
 - Resistant to aqueous acids, alkalis etc.



Following Materials were Studied

- Color Fab, bronze fill metal, PLA
- GMASS, Tungsten, ABS
- Proto Pasta, Magnetic iron, PLA
- 3DXTech, premium red, ABS
- 3DXNano ESD (CNT) black, ABS
- Color Fab, copper fill metal, PLA
- GMASS, Bismuth, ABS
- Proto Pasta, Stainless Steel, PLA
- 3DXTech, black, ABS
- Carbon Fiber 5 wt%, ABS

Types of Composites



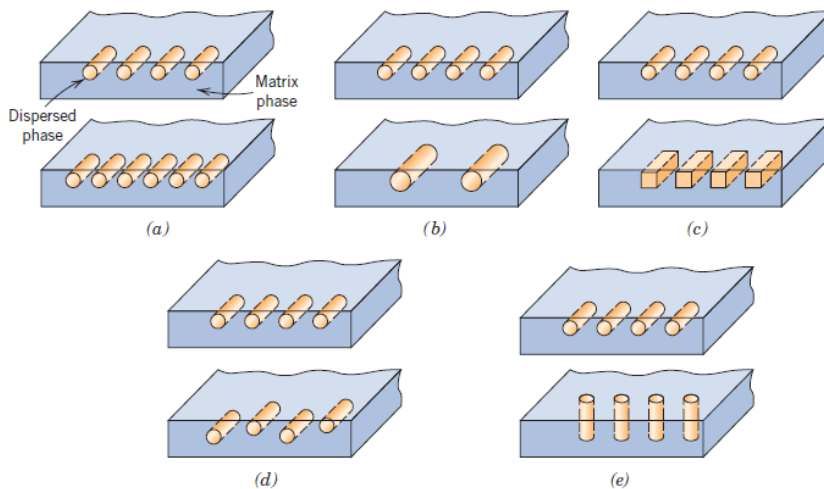
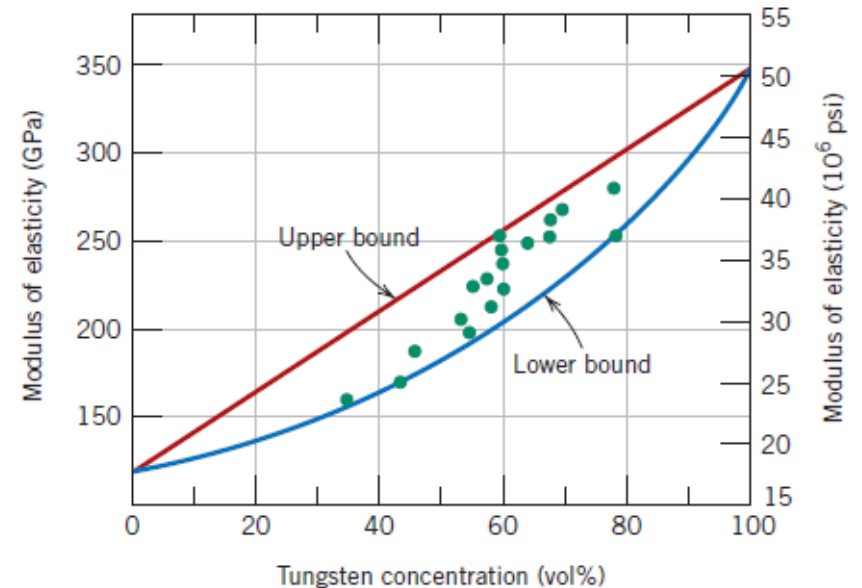
Background

COMPOSITE SURVEY: Particle

Particle-reinforced Fiber-reinforced Structural

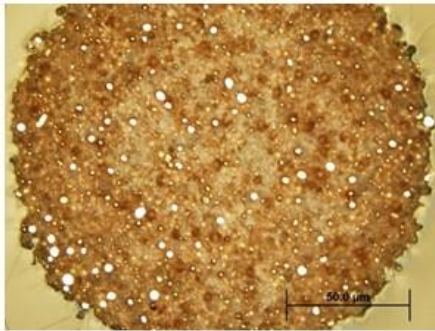
• Examples:

- Spheroidite steel
matrix: ferrite (α) (ductile)
particles: cementite (Fe_3C) (brittle)
Adapted from Fig. 10.10, *Callister 6e*. (Fig. 10.10 is)
- WC/Co cemented carbide
matrix: cobalt (ductile)
 V_m : 10-15vol%
particles: WC (brittle, hard)
Adapted from Fig. 16.4, *Callister 6e*. (Fig. 16.4 is)
- Automobile tires
matrix: rubber (compliant)
particles: C (stiffer)
Adapted from Fig. 16.5, *Callister 6e*. (Fig. 16.5 is)

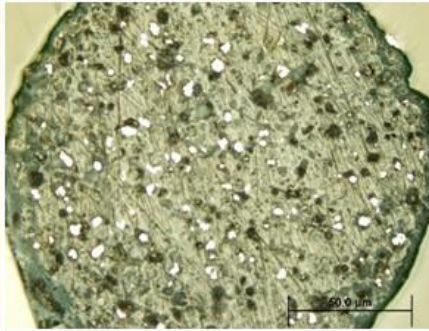


$$E_c(u) = E_m V_m + E_p V_p$$

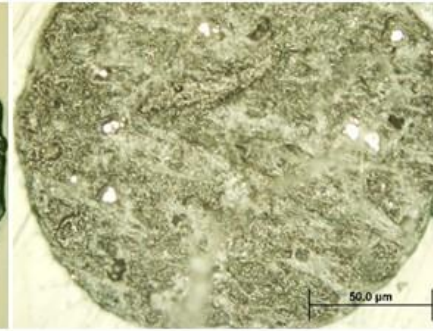
3-D Printing of Multi-Functional Materials



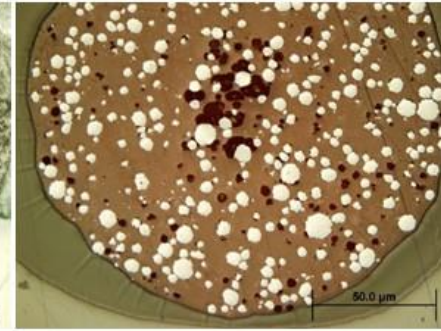
Color Fab, copper fill metal, PLA



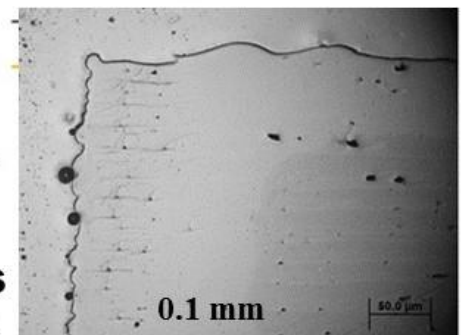
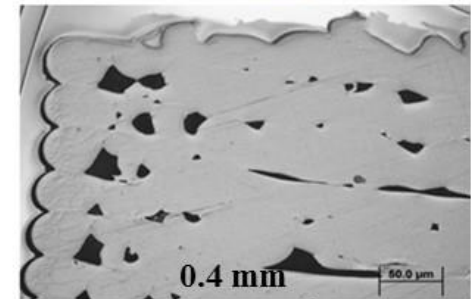
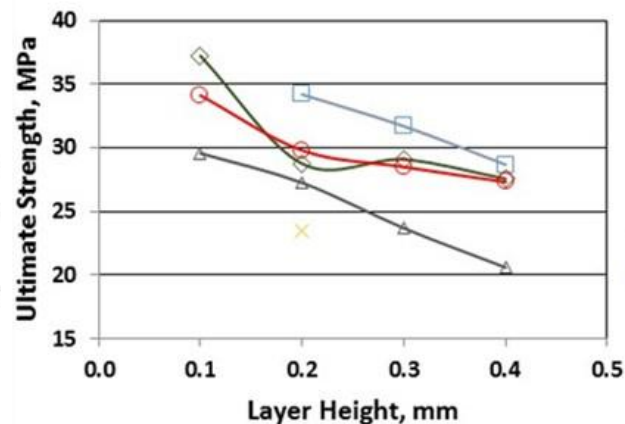
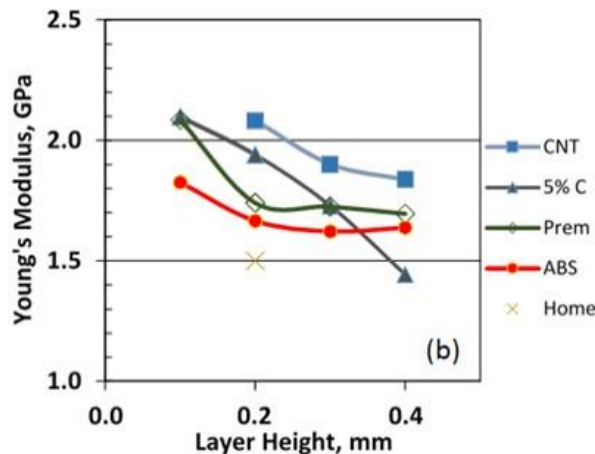
Proto Pasta, Magnetic iron, PLA



GMASS, Tungsten, ABS



GMASS, Bismuth, ABS



Highest strength and modulus in CNT reinforced coupons
Pure ABS Coupons – less porosity for lower print heights

Measurement of Friction Coefficient (μ) and Wear Rate (WR)

- Tab on disc method
- Sample shape : 4 mm x 4 mm x (1.5-1.7) mm (MAX phases)
- Dynamic partner : Alumina
- Load: 5 N
- Rotation speed: 31 cm/s
- Temperature: RT Tested in ambient air

CSM TRIBOMETER

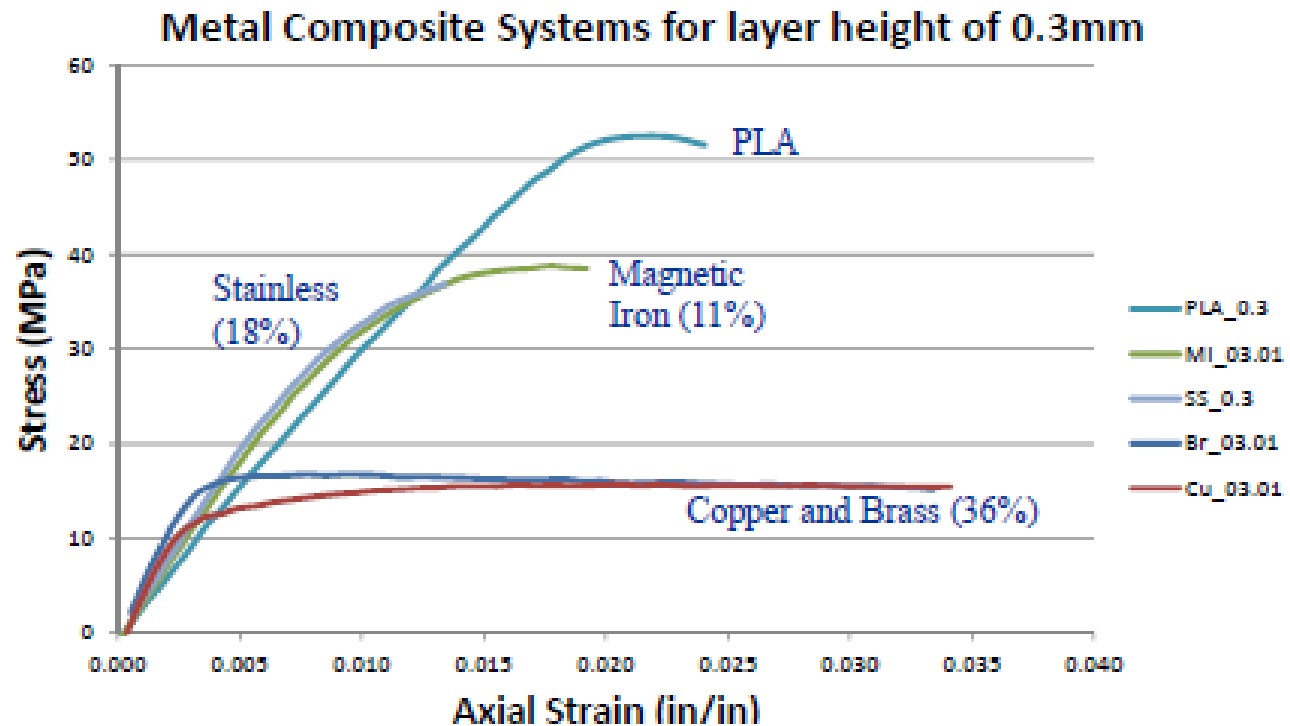




PLA and PLA Composites

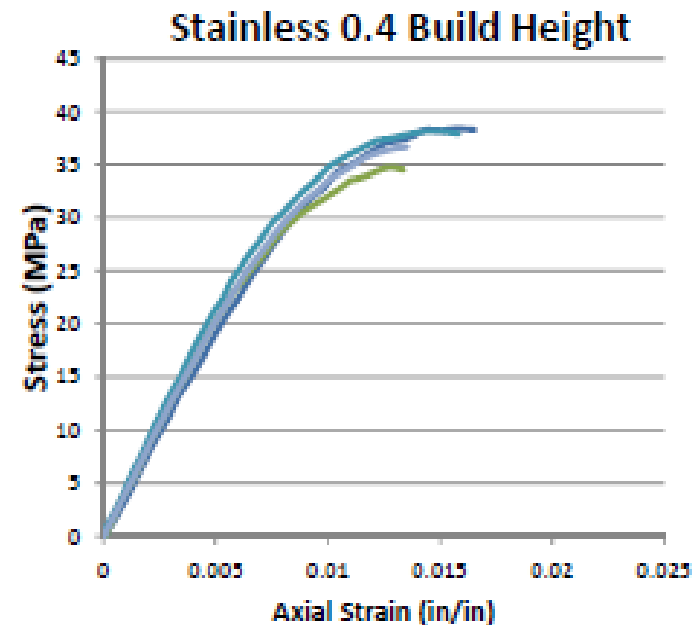
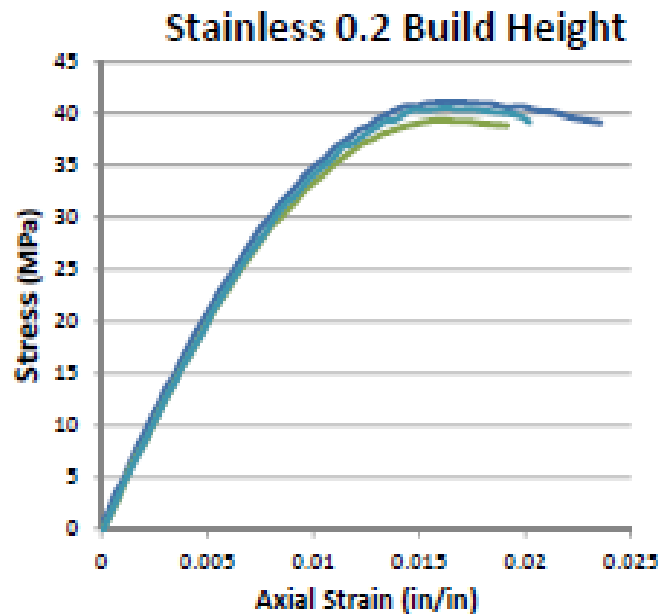
Mechanical Behavior of PLA and PLA Composites

PLA shows the greatest strength:



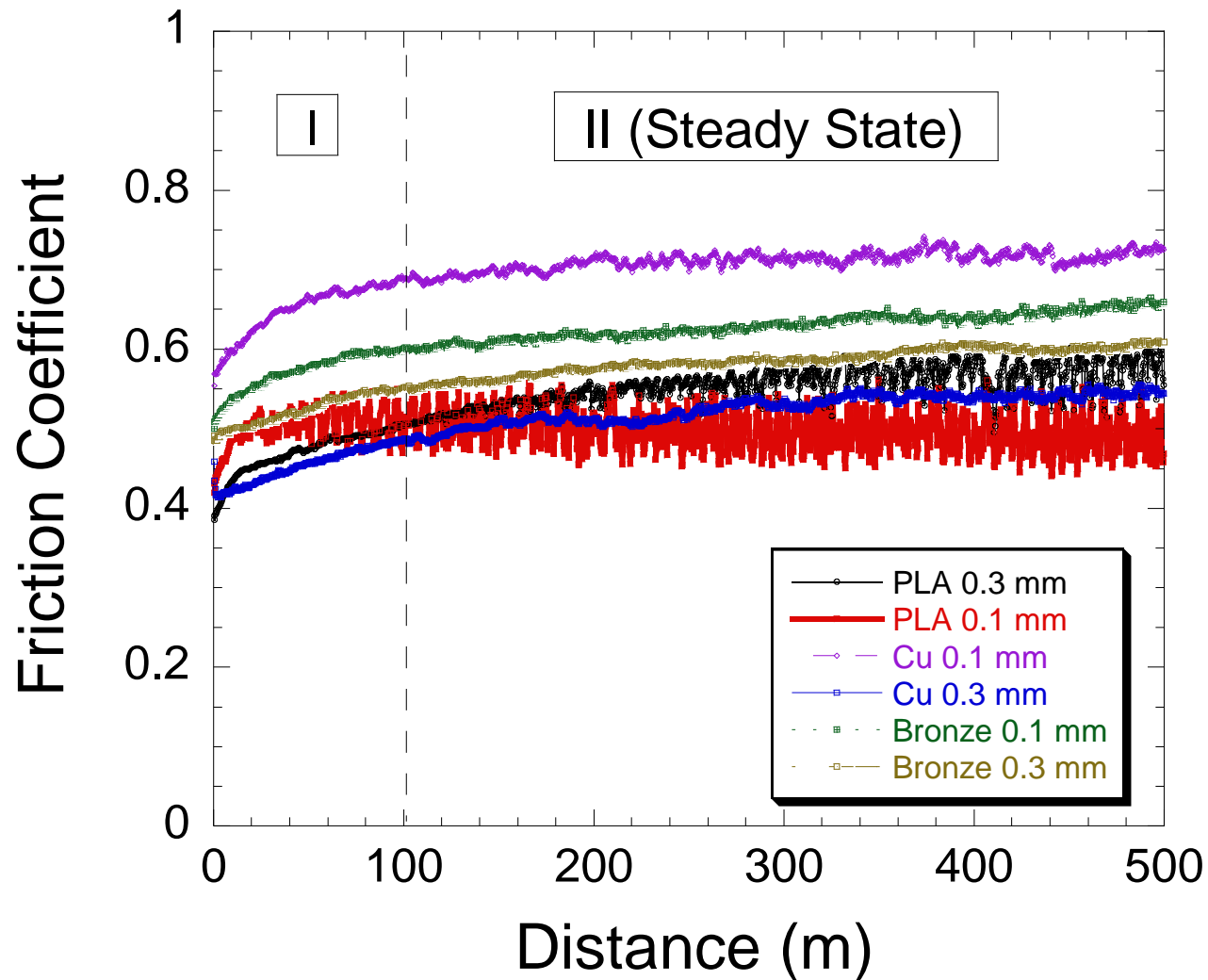
Mechanical Behavior of PLA and PLA Composites

- Metal filled PLA show an effect of layer height:

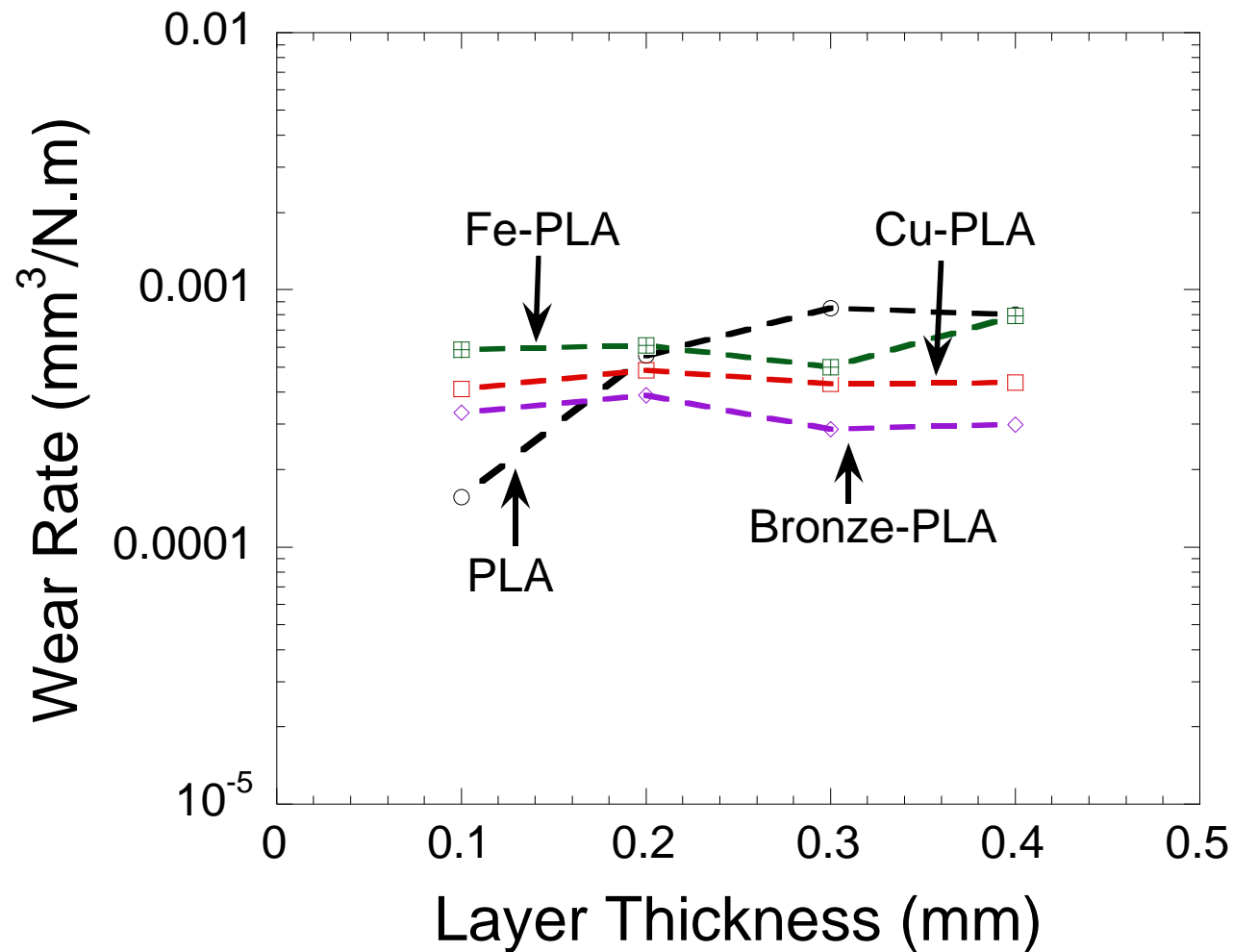


- Lower strength and strain to failure.

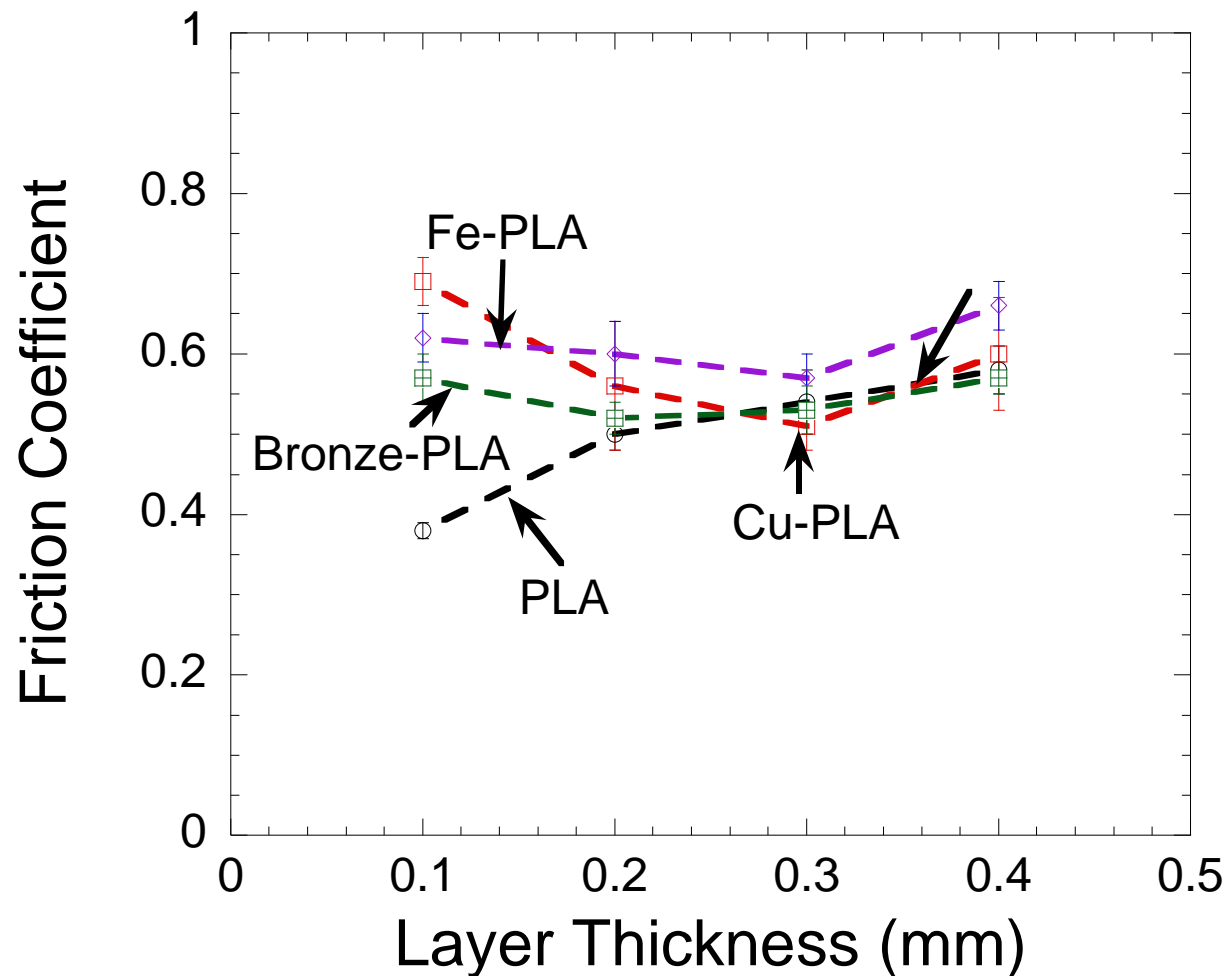
Friction Coefficient of PLA and PLA Composite Materials



Variation of Wear Rate vs Print Layer Height in PLA and PLA Composites



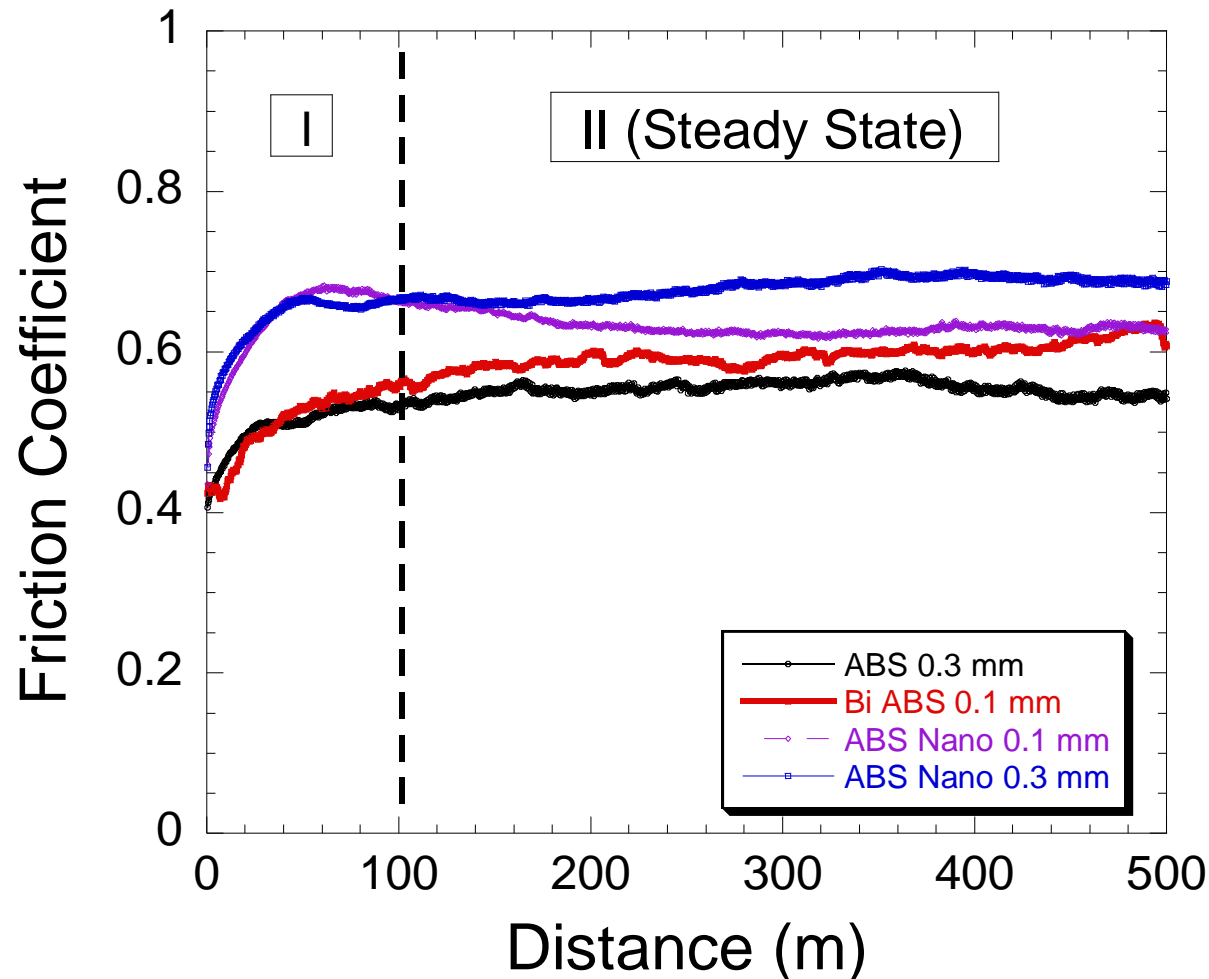
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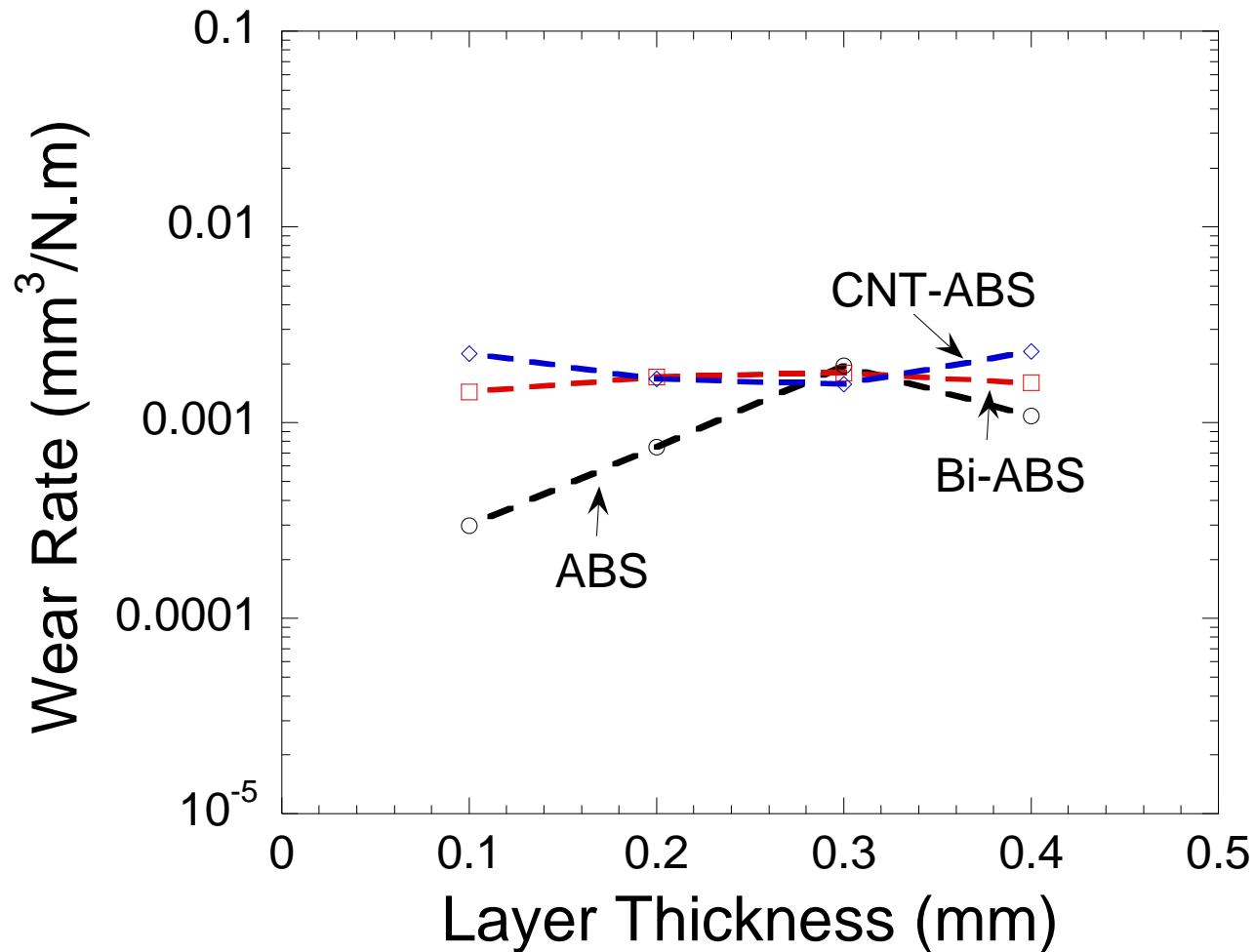


ABS and ABS Composites

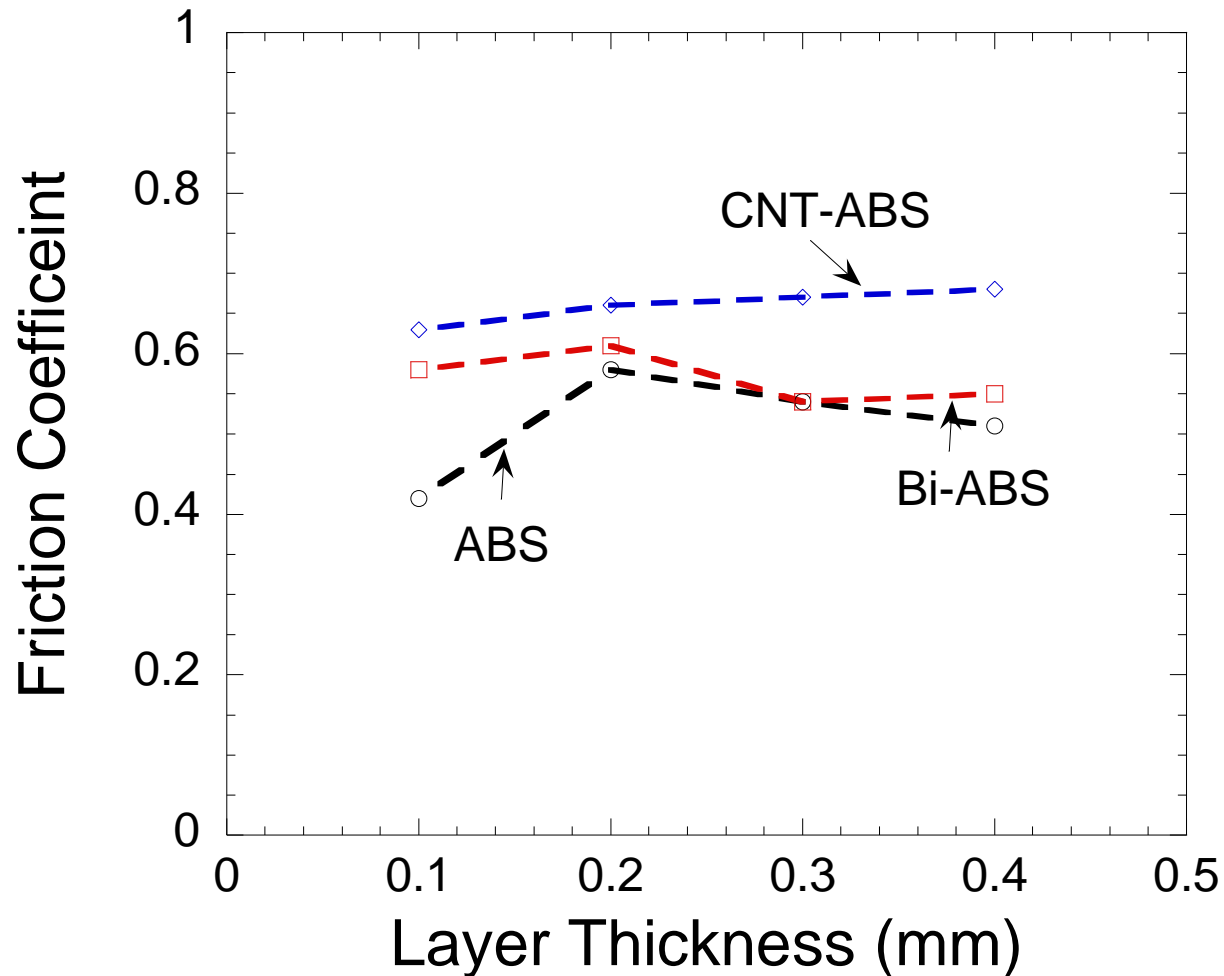
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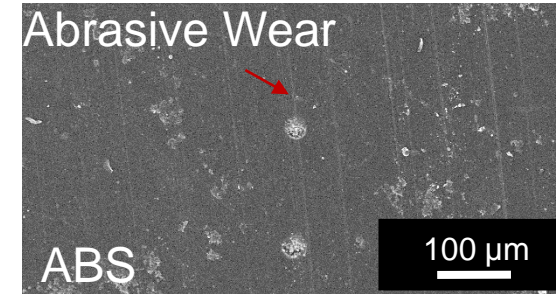
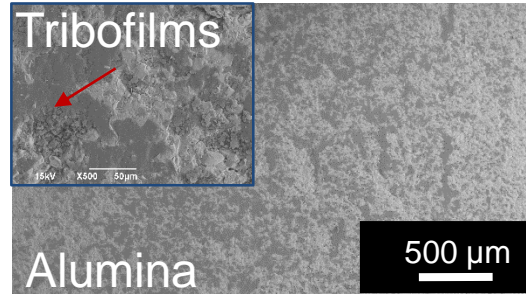
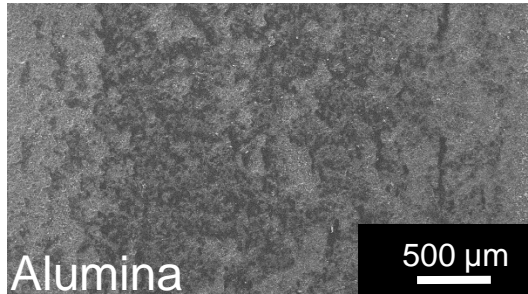


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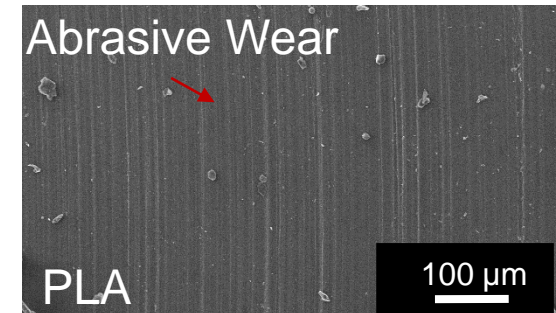
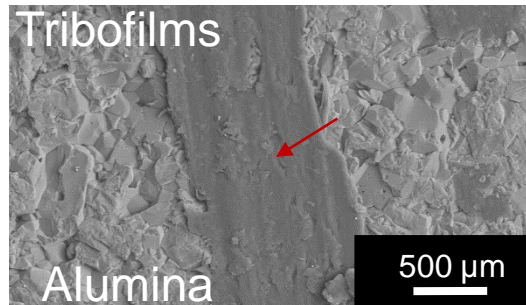
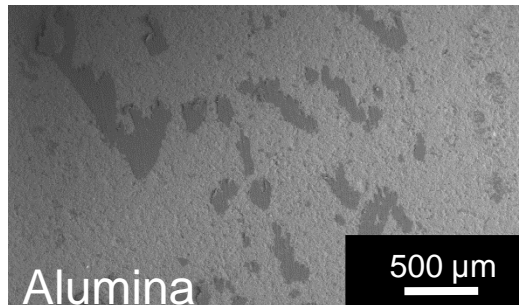


Wear Track Analysis

Alumina-ABS Tribocouple



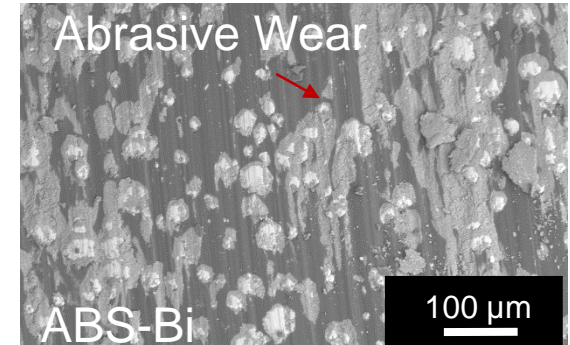
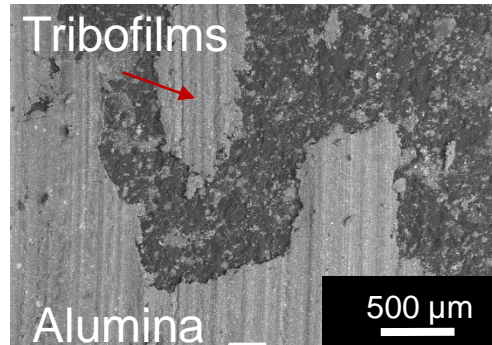
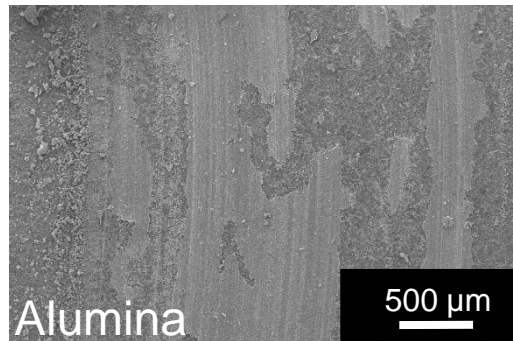
Alumina-PLA Tribocouple



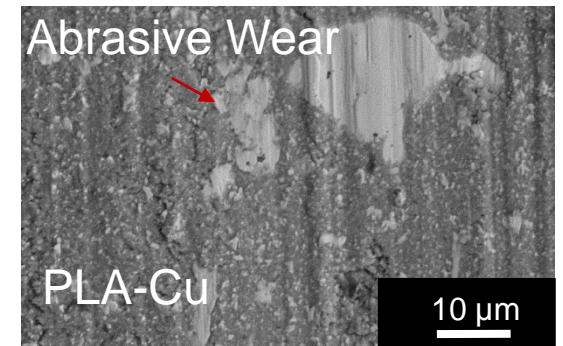
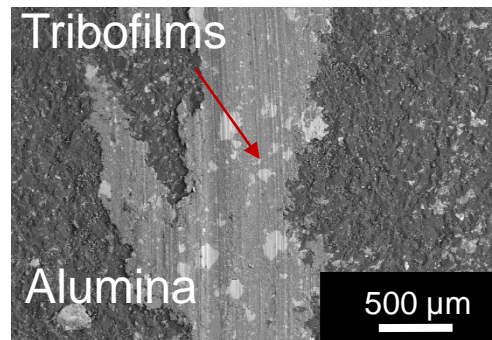
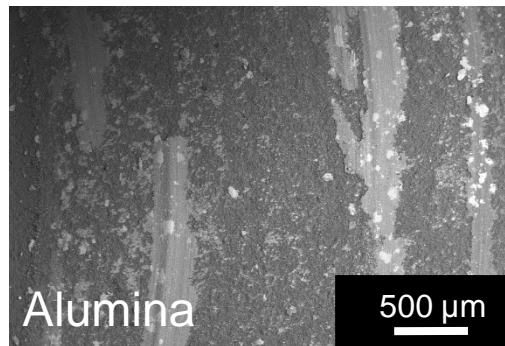
The Wear is Driven by the Formation of Tribofilms

Wear Track Analysis

Alumina-ABS-Bi Tribocouple



Alumina-PLA-Cu Tribocouple



The Wear is Driven by the Formation of Tribofilms

Summary and Conclusions

- This study shows that the tribological behavior of PLA and ABS are dependent on layer thickness and particulate additives.
- PLA showed the lowest WR and μ as compared to the composites when the layer thickness was 0.1 mm
- As the layer thickness was gradually increased, the WR of the composites decreased as compared to PLA samples, and μ remained similar for all the samples.
- Similarly, ABS also showed the lowest WR and μ as compared to the composites when the layer thickness was 0.1 mm.
- As the layer thickness was gradually increased, the WR of the composites were similar to ABS samples, and μ of ABS and ABS-Bi became similar.
- Interestingly, CNT-ABS showed higher μ as compared to the ABS and Bi-ABS composites.
- Preliminary studies showed that the wear mechanisms are driven by the formation of tribofilms. More fundamental studies are needed to understand the intricate mechanism for the formation of tribofilms.



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